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Continuation of 3: Applicant has amended claim 31 to (a) require a height to width ratio between 0.25 and 0.45 and (b) require at least one flipper is in contact with an associated annular reinforcing element. Each of these limitations was not required by the previously drafted claims and as such, the amended claim language would require further search and consideration. Additionally, applicant has amended independent claim 1 to eliminate the required inclusion of a chafer (as detailed by the previously drafted claims). Similar amendments have been made to the additional independent claims. Thus, the amended claim language makes significant changes to the previously drafted claims.

Continuation of 7 and 11: Applicant's arguments are primarily directed to the amended claim language and as such, are not commensurate in scope with the tire construction defined by the pending claims.

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